

Appl No 10/517,184
Amdt. dated June 20, 2006
Reply to Office Action of March 20, 2006

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed March 30, 2006. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following comments. Claims 1, 7 and 13 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 5, 11 and 17, respectively, which have subsequently been canceled. No new matter has been added as a result of these amendments.

Applicants respectively traverse the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over JP 2002-031209 in view of Orshansky, Jr., U.S. Patent No. 3,314,234. Independent claims 1, 7 and 13 have been amended to include the limitations previously found in dependent claims 5, 11 and 17, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

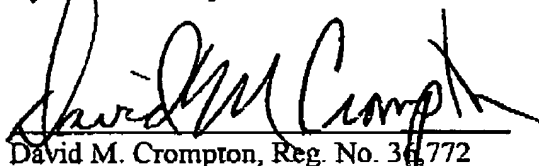
Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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